ABSTRACT

A universal serializer/deserializer ("ser/des") is disclosed that provides hardware implemented modules of those functions determined to be most applicable to a communications protocol. Functionality that is determined to be more unique for a given protocol is implemented in software. Accordingly, a universal ser/des is provided that is able to be used for a plurality of different protocols now known, and configured to communicate with protocols that may be developed in the future.

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